

Public Transportation Facts

Public Transportation can...

- **Improve Air Quality:**

Public transportation helps promote cleaner air by reducing automobile use. Each year public transportation use avoids the emission of more than 126 million pounds of hydrocarbons, a primary cause of smog, and 156 million pounds of nitrogen oxides, which can cause respiratory disease.

- **Reduce Energy Consumption:**

Public transportation can reduce our dependency on gasoline, reducing auto fuel consumption by 1.5 billion gallons a year.

- **Help All Community Members Stay Active, Mobile, and Involved:**

Public transportation can be of great assistance to senior citizens and the disabled.

- **Reduce Traffic Congestion:**

Public transportation helps to ease crowded conditions on our roads.

- **Allow People to Walk More and Reduce Stress:**

Walking every day – even just to a bus stop – is good for a person’s health. Using public transportation can also reduce the stress of driving in overcrowded conditions.

- **Save Money:**

For many people it would be more efficient and cheaper to use public transportation rather than their own car.

- **Get People to Work:**

For people who cannot afford a car, public transportation can give them more job opportunities.

- **Create Jobs:**

The public transportation industry creates jobs for the nation by requiring drivers, repair specialists, etc.

- **Ensure Safety:**

Public transportation continues to be one of the safest modes of travel in the United States.

- **Link People Together:**

Public transportation can link people living in different communities together.

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